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OUR OWN SIMCHAS TORAH: TALMIDIM CELEBRATE SIYUMIM

Mazel tov to our talmidim who recently made siyumim! Some completed a mesechta they started in yeshiva, while others reviewed a mesechta they had already learned. Some learned alone, some with a chavrusa. Regardless of what and how they learned, all the mesayemim shared a commitment, persistence, and a Simchas Hatorah.

Finishing a mesechta may seem daunting, but each of the mesayemim consistently applied themselves with diligence. “I just chipped away at my goal,” remarks Avrami Barasch, who made a siyum on Meseches Bava Kama and Bava Metzia. “One perek here, one seder there. I

realized that if you keep putting the time into the daf that’s in front of you, you build confidence and momentum.” Yechiel Goldman, who completed Meseches Bava Kama, adds that consistency matters, as well as perspective. “It’s not all or nothing—sometimes we missed a day and that was fine—but at the same time, every day is important, and I’m happy that we were able to keep this up for so long.”

While their rebbeim have frequently emphasized the importance of chazarah, the talmidim gained an even deeper appreciation through first-hand experience. “Chazarah is what makes you remember, understand better, and improve your general Gemara skills,”

declares Mordechai Wasser, who made his siyum on Meseches Bava Metzia. Additionally, the benefits of chazarah are not confined to the mesechta reviewed. “Chazarah helps you better understand the flow and structure throughout the Gemara, which then helps you apply what you know to anything new you learn.”

Chazarah also enhances one’s appreciation of learning. “A key strategy to truly acquire and love the Gemara in



a way that makes you want to learn it more and more comes from chazarah,” asserts Avrami. He explains: “When you chazer something that you already learned and love, it fosters a greater love. Every time you chazer you get greater

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appreciation and depth of understanding.” Abe Schulman, who finished Meseches Bava Metzia, shares, “A big part of why I like to chazer is because I like to remember what I learn. Furthermore, for me, it’s also more exciting to learn something I’ve done before, because I can learn it more in depth. It’s a good feeling to be able to just open a Gemara and learn, because it’s already familiar.”



Avrami’s advice is that fear of not finishing should never stop a person from starting, “because even one perek is 1000% better than nothing.” Anyone who is intimidated by the long road should “realize that it’s not as hard as it looks. Just use your time wisely and learn each blatt that’s in front of you—and before you know it, you’ve done 20 blatt, and then a few perakim, and then it adds up to a beautiful mesechta.”

When asked what he would tell a friend considering completing a mesechta, Abe urges, “Go for it! It’s always good to push yourself a bit and go out of your comfort zone by learning out of seder. And if you can do it with a friend, it also becomes a meaningful way to build your relationship.” Yechiel and Mordechai



advise fellow lomdim not to be overwhelmed by the task in front of them. Take on “a manageable amount of material and time,” recommends Yechiel.

Mordechai suggests “breaking it up into different parts and doing it little by little.”

Indeed it does—as the mesayemim realized when their efforts culminated in a festive siyum, where they celebrated with their rebbeim and friends. Rabbi Avrohom Goldman, Rosh Yeshiva, felt these occasions reveal the beautiful bond of camaraderie and support that the talmidim share. “The joy and energy at the siyumim demonstrate a great unity in the yeshiva, and also the pride that the bochurim have for their own learning as well as that of their chaveirim.” For Abe, his rebbeim’s own joy was a big part of his simcha. “One of the highlights for me was definitely dancing with my rebbeim.



They were very excited, and that meant a lot to me.” Yechiel explores the reason for the palpable achdus in the room. “Through dancing with our rebbeim and chaveirim, we really connected in a deep way: through celebrating the Torah.”

Rabbi Shmuel Wasser, Rosh Yeshiva, shares that “when the talmidim make simchos such as a siyum on an entire mesechta, it provides tremendous chizuk for the entire hanhala and yeshiva as a whole.



The siyum gave the bachurim an opportunity to reflect on their achievements. Says Avrami, “It was a time to express my hakaras hatov to everyone who helped me, and to Hakadosh Baruch Hu, for the gifts He gave me.”

We are so proud of our talmidim. May they continue to shteig and see hatzlacha in their learning!

NEW AP CLASSES OFFERED

Exciting new enhancements to our general studies program this year include the addition of AP US History, AP Physics, and AP English Language to our course



offerings. Mr. Carl Meyers, history teacher, explains, “The class has students researching topics at a deeper level and is closer to what you find in college. We are here to learn and explore what made America what it is today.” Students take

the AP exams in the spring, which allows them to measure their success against the national standard, and when they do well, they receive college credit for the course.

There’s another benefit to offering AP classes, according to Mr. Timothy Gartin, who teaches English. “The value AP classes have to high school students at MTI is that it gives them a better understanding of the

rigor and depth of each of these subjects and allows them to determine if that subject is something they want to pursue in a career after graduating.”

Chaim Steinberg, an 11th grade student



MAZEL TOV!

Alumni Engagements

Mazel Tov to Elchonon Manne on his engagement to Ms. Malky Zyman from Flatbush!
Mazel Tov to Yechiel Niman on his engagement to Ms. Shira Sherman from Toronto!
Mazel Tov to Avraham Eli Shmidman on his engagement to Ms. Yael Frechter from Brooklyn!

Alumni Marriages

Mazel Tov to Moshe Rosenzweig on his marriage to Ms. Dina Schonfeld of Kew Gardens, NY!
Mazel Tov to Yehuda Striks on his marriage to Ms. Shayna Bayla Fromowitz of Chesterfield, MO!

Alumni Births

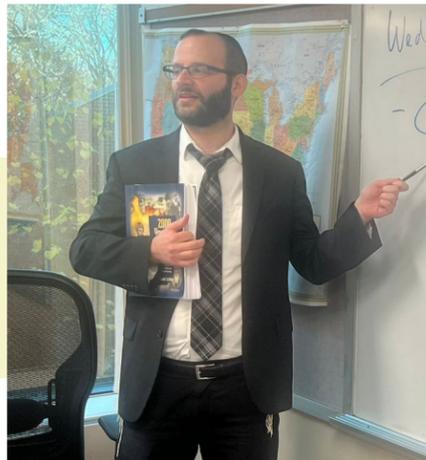
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Dovid Chait on the birth of a girl!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Feder on the birth of a girl!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Meir Freud on the birth of a boy!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Yisrael Leb on the birth of a boy!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Avrumi Lieberman on the birth of a boy!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Jason Rosenblum on the birth of a girl!

Staff Simchas

Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. David and Eeta Bermanski on the birth of a girl!
Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid and Chayka Fromowitz on the marriage of their daughter Shayna Bayla to Yehuda Striks!
Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Menachem and Debbie Graff on the birth of a grandson!
Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov and Estie Stein on the birth of a boy!

NEW JEWISH HISTORY CLASS

Our 12th grade is privileged to be learning Jewish History with Rabbi Pesach Eskenazi. The course covers roughly 2,000 years from the end of the Bayis Shaini to the present day. Rabbi Eskenazi shares, “Learning about our past gives us an understanding of who we are and where we come from. It gives us a better understanding of the history and background of the Gemara and meforshim, further enhancing our Torah learning.”

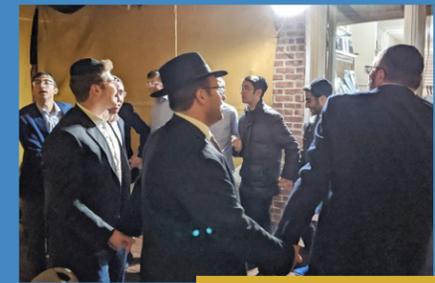


in AP Physics, appreciates the stimulation the class provides. “It’s exciting to be in a class which is challenging, with a teacher who explains things so clearly.”

Rabbi Shimson Gewirtz, general studies principal, shared, “These new classes, along with the rest of the curriculum, help us offer a learning experience that is tailored to the needs of our talmidim, providing them a just-right academic challenge along with interesting and important subject matter.”

ALUMNI happenings

שמחת בית השואבה



New York



Detroit



Chesterfield

Attention Alumni in Eretz Yisrael!

Join Rabbi Wachsman for a Melave Malka on Motzei Shabbos, December 3rd in Yerushalayim!

WELCOME! MEET OUR NINTH GRADE

WHAT WE ASKED: **WHY MTI? WHAT HAS SET YOU UP FOR SUCCESS IN LEARNING HERE? INTERESTING FACT?**



Shimon Bergman Oak Park, MI Everyone at my fahrher was nice and the learning was interesting | My rebbe makes gemara interesting. | I wear Rabbeinu Tam tefillin.



Simcha Edelstone Baltimore, MD I had some friends from camp coming and I liked the idea of dorming. | My friends, rebbeim, parents and roomates. | I play keyboard.

Yonah Efron Chicago, IL I knew a lot of people coming here. | My chavrusa with someone in bais medrash. | I know how to hypnotize people.

Yosef Elisha Friedman Chesterfield, MO I came here many times before and saw how much everyone really enjoyed it. | The rebbeim really help along the way. | I was born in France.

Chanoch Fromowitz Chesterfield, MO I've been at MTI since I was 7. | The atmophere in MTI really sets you up to learn and grow. | I like cliff jumping.

Itiel Goldman Chicago, IL I think I will be successful here. | The rebbeim assist the talmidim in a welcoming environment. | I'm not related to any of the Goldmans in the school.

Mordechai Goldman Chesterfield, MO The great rebbeim. | The The rebbeim being good role models. | I know how to bind seforim.

Yehuda Gutovich St. Louis, MO It's a great yeshiva because it has great rebbeim. | I've been paying attention in shiur and trying hard. | I can lein all 5 megillos.

Shaya Kaufman Chicago, IL The people here have good middos. | The free time I have allows me to refresh and focus better on my learning. | I have four names.

Ezra Koenig Spring Valley, NY I When I came to the Shabbaton, I loved the rebbeim's enthusiasm while teaching. | My math and English teachers from 7th and 8th grade because they have given me tons of advice and knowledge that I will never forget. | I'm very competitive.

Aiden Kornblum St. Louis, MO Because I knew I would learn well and I knew that the rebbeim were confident and would guide me well. | Being positive even when things are tough. | I am a twin.

Calev Kornblum St. Louis, MO I knew two people in my class pretty well beforehand. | My amazing 8th grade rebbe. | I'm a triplet of the twins.

Noah Kornblum St. Louis, MO It's a phenomenal school that I'm confident will help me develop into a ben Torah. | The rebbeim set me up for success by loving teaching and learning. This love transfers to me and truly helps me grow. | I am a twin.

Berel Lieb Chesterfield, MO It's my local yeshiva and I like the building. | The English classes are really strong. | I can do a back flip.

Henach Love Richmond Hill, NY The building. | You can build an amazing connection with the rebbeim and they can help you grow. | I learned how to change a flat tire when I was 10.

Yaakov Pianko Passaic, NJ Newly renovated gym | Learning with bais medrash chavrusas at night. | I ran 9.2 miles straight.

Yaakov Radner Oak Park, MI I thought it would be the best place for me to grow. | The warm atmosphere and the caring rebbeim | I can solve a 15x15 Rubik's cube.

Ari Richmond Miami, FL MTI's English teachers are great. | A growth mindset. | I play trombone.

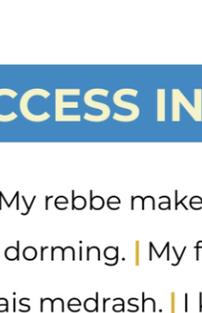
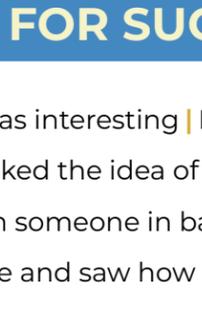
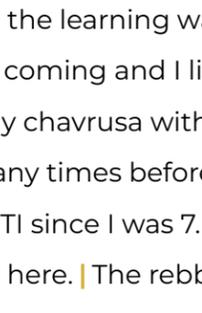
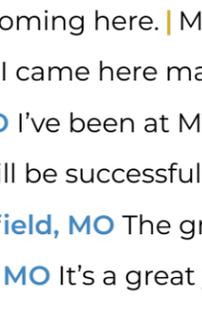
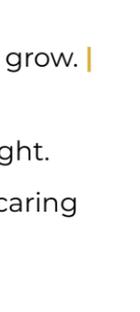
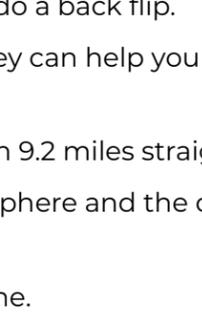
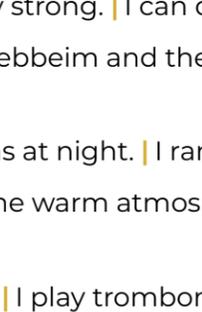
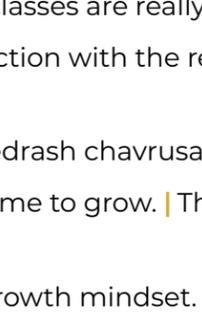
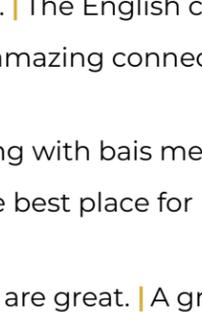
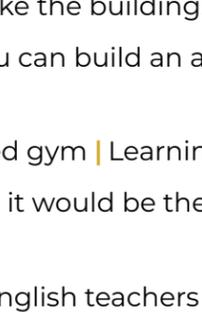
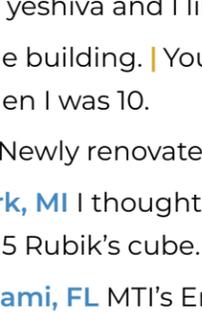
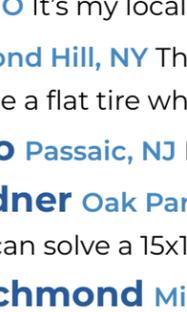
Avraham Rosenblum Clifton, NJ I saw all of the amazing boys here and I thought I would fit in well. | I believe having a strong connection with the rebbeim really helped set me up for success. | I'm a multi-instrumentalist.

Dovid Tomaino Cincinnati, OH It's really just the best school! | The kindness of those around me and the resources available to study. | I'm really good at chess.

Avishai Weiman St. Louis, MO It's in town and I also knew a lot of people who go here. | Learning night seder. | My eyes are double jointed.

Shmuel Winter Chesterfield, MO The rebbeim are amazing and so nice. | The exciting and energetic atmosphere. | I was bar mitzvah before someone older than me.

Akiva Wogan Memphis, TN There are great rebbeim and the school always keeps me occupied. | The rebbeim explain things clearly. | I played guitar for 3 years.





Sheva Brachos in yeshiva celebrating the marriage of Yehuda Striks to Rabbi Dovid Fromowitz's daughter



Rav Tzvi Berkowitz of Yeshivas Ner Yisrael in Baltimore speaks to talmidim



MTI's bais medrash hosts the 2 local kollelim for divrei chizuk at the beginning of the zman



Rav Dovid Harris, shlita, addresses the talmidim before yomim noraim via video hookup



The winner of the Shabbos Extra Learning Seder raffle with his new shtender



9th graders prepare and enjoy brownies and potato kugel on erev Shabbos after shiur



Participants in the bein hazmanim mussar learning program receive a sweet reward



10th grade engineering class



Seniors preparing wontons for a class fundraiser



Rabbi Ben Tzion Shafier addresses the community at the MTI annual melava malka



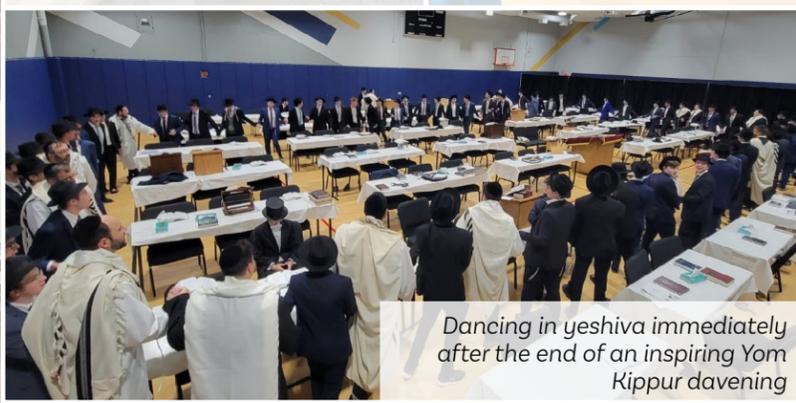
9th grade vs 12th grade volleyball game



Night baseball at Chesterfield Athletic Complex



Robotics elective



Dancing in yeshiva immediately after the end of an inspiring Yom Kippur davening



12th graders help members of the community with building their sukkahs before yom tov



Students enjoy making their own brick oven pizza



Rabbi Dovid Fromowitz accepts certificate for rebbeim who participated in Rabbi Shaya Cohen's "Teach to Reach" training course



Bais Medrash bochurim host public school students weekly for JUMP program



9th graders with their new MTI mugs



Rabbi Yitzchok Kowalsky, of the Vaad of St. Louis, gives an interactive shiur on hilchos arba minim



Rabbi Dovid Fromowitz delivers the Erev Yom Kippur shmuss



PSAT testing



BBQ for 9th and 12th graders



Annual Achdus Trip at Babler State Park



Hataras Nedarim and Pruzbul before Rosh Hashana



Rosh Chodesh Dancing



New bookbinding elective

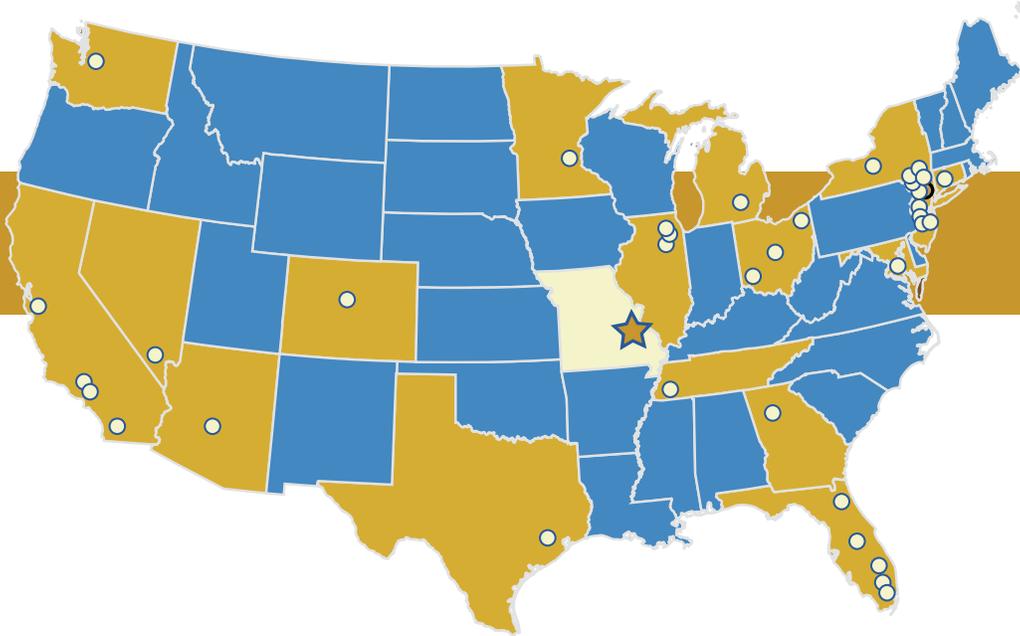


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- Beitar Illit, Israel
- Boca Raton, FL
- Brooklyn, NY
- Buffalo Grove, IL
- Cherry Hill, NJ
- Chesterfield, MO
- Chicago, IL
- Cincinnati, OH
- Clifton, NJ
- Columbus, OH
- Denver, CO
- Far Rockaway, NY
- Henderson, NV
- Houston, TX
- Jacksonville, FL
- Kew Gardens, NY
- Kew Gardens Hills, NY
- Lakewood, NJ
- Los Angeles, CA
- Memphis, TN
- Miami Beach, FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- North Miami Beach, FL
- Northbrook, IL
- Oak Park, MI
- Orlando, FL
- Passaic, NJ
- Richmond Hill, NY
- Rochester, NY
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